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As April 18 deadline approaches, Tax Commission urges electronic filing

As taxpayers rush to collect income tax forms and files to meet the April 18 midnight deadline, the Utah State Tax Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

Taxpayers who file state income tax returns online will receive their refunds much quicker than those who send in paper returns, says the Utah State Tax Commission.

"If you file electronically, you can plan on receiving your refund in a matter of weeks," says Charlie Roberts, Tax Commission spokesman. "Those who file by paper may wait several months to receive their refund."

Roberts explained that during the past two years the Tax Commission has hired fewer temporary workers during the busy tax season because of the economic downturn.

"Electronic returns are processed faster because of the need for less manual intervention," Roberts said.

Taxpayers have until Monday, April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any tax due because Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia, falls this year on Friday, April 15.

By law, District of Columbia holidays impact IRS deadlines in the same way as federal holidays. The Utah law mandates state income tax deadlines mimic the federal due date.

Frequently asked questions, including filing extension information and forms are available at www.incometax.utah.gov. TaxExpress, Utah's online state income tax filing option for qualified filers, is also found at that web site.

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Both state and federal returns may be dropped off at the Tax Commission office, located at 210 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, until midnight on April 15 and April 18.

Forms, assistance, filing extension and other options are available at offices in Ogden, Salt Lake City, Provo and Washington County during regular business hours.

Three electronic options available to Utah taxpayers:

- 1) Filing a joint electronic return with the federal income tax
- 2) Purchasing a commercial tax preparation software package or
- 3) Filing for free on the web at taxexpress.utah.gov.

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